**Arborg Early Middle Years School**

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

**September 28, 2015**

**7 p.m. at AEMYS**

**Present: Mr. Harding, Marlene Kroeker-Bodnarus, Tanya Stogrin, Joe Stogrin, Stephanie Sigurdson, Tiffany Olsen, Mrs. Kilbrei, Ruth Ann Furgala, Carissa Rempel**

1. Marlene called the meeting to order at 7:09pm
2. Tiffany adopted the minutes and Stephanie seconded.
3. **Old Business** 
   1. Outdoor classroom/natural Habitat – Update – Tara has advised that the outdoor classroom needs money. Currently the balances of the PAC accounts are Hot Dog account with $5,540.38 and the Raffle account has $8,727.17. Mr. Harding will check with Norma regarding the balances as there are expenses that are owing regarding the new playground equipment and the outdoor classroom. Marlene will check with Tara regarding the outdoor classroom. Teachers are welcome to use the outdoor classroom. PAC could apply to Manitoba Hydro and maybe Conservation for grants for trees.
   2. New Early Year Playground / Teeter Totters – The new playground equipment has been installed. Mr. Harding has paid the $15,000 down payment on the equipment. ESD replaced the equipment that was removed due to space allocated to the daycare and AEMYS / PAC upgraded the equipment. PAC has $4000 that is owing to ESD for the playground equipment. We will write letters to the Town of Arborg and RM of Bifrost to see if both will provide any money towards the upgraded playground equipment since it is a community playground. AEMYS received a donation of $2,500 from Vidir Machine as well as $1,000 from the After School Program towards the playground equipment. THANK YOU!!!
   3. Hot Dog Day / Muffins / Bulletin Board – Thank you to Alicia Friesen for doing up the bulletin board and Thank you to Tiffany for baking muffins. The next hot dog day will be October 16th. Irma and Sherry Orbanski will look after this hot dog day. We will sell the chips left over from the BBQ at hot dog day.
   4. New Gym Storage and Gymnatics Program – The gym storage is completed and the equipment moved in the end of August. The biggest hurdle the gymnastics program is encountering right now is how to have the parents help move the equipment in and out of the gym.
   5. Review of Welcome Back BBQ – A big Thank You to everyone who helped out at our successful Welcome Back BBQ. Thank you to the following businesses for their generous donations:

**Interlake Co-op** – donated hamburgers and hot dogs plus the condiments.

**Vidir Machine / Ernest Rempel** – donated the supplies, machine and the manpower to make homemade ice cream.

**Mason Bardarson and family** – donated the chips.

The following businesses all donated money to sponsor our Bouncy Obstacle Course and the Bouncy Castle:

**Powerbend**

**Oasis Plumbing**

**Triline Contruction**

**Little Joe’s Auctions**

**Buehlmann Farms**

**Jacobson Farms**

**Canadian Legion**

**Ganica**

**Weik Construction**

Thank you to Mrs. Ladoski for helping to organize the games.

Thank you to Joe and Tanya Stogrin for designing the Welcome Back BBQ poster and getting the drinks and other supplies.

Thank you to the grade 6 to 8 students and Carissa Rempel that did the face painting.

Thank you to all of the teachers and staff that were able to join us for the evening!

Mr. Harding will put thank you’s on the school website for all the businesses that donated towards the BBQ as well as to thank Vidir Machine and the After School Program for their donations towards the playground equipment.

Marlene will buy more pots of face paints rather than buy from Michael’s as the pots last better.

We cooked all of the burgers and hot dogs with the Bodnarus BBQ as the student council BBQ would not start.

Next year we should put an ad in the paper to promote the BBQ.

Next year we need to recognize our teachers at the BBQ. We could possibly use name tags and introduce the teachers with the mega phone.

Marlene will make a thank you for the Bulletin board.

We sold the burgers for $3, hot dogs for $2, drinks for $1 and homemade ice cream for $1.

All profits from the Welcome Back BBQ are being used for the out door classroom.

Breakdown of Sales and Expenses

BBQ Sales $1,265.00

Game Supplies -

Face Paints - 62.00

Cost of Drinks/Supplies - 159.69

Profit from Bouncers 20.00

Total Profit

1. **New Business**
   1. MAPC Membership – Charlie is emailing out the membership forms. Tanya will complete the forms once received.
   2. PAC AGM will be on October 26, 2015 at 7pm
   3. Congratulations to PAC / Track – Judy Nichol congratulates PAC on all that has been accomplished in the last while. We now have a new early years playground, an outdoor classroom, a heated gymnastics storage and a plan for the natural habitat. Judy was wondering if PAC would consider joining with the track ground for the final push to get the track completed.
   4. Workshop – We discussed sponsoring a workshop as we have in the past. Possibly about technology or how to communicate with your teen.
2. **Other Business – nothing**
3. **Principal’s Report**

Staffing for 2015-2016

Early Years Middle Years

Stephanie Sigurdson (JK)

Lorna Plett (K) Tanya Harding (5/6)

Grace Marteinsson (1/2) Cheryl Bates (5/6)

Alicia Skoropet (1/2) Heather Ladoski (7/8)

Gwen Stallard (3/4) Wanda Sparkes (7/8)

Cheryl Chwaliboga (3/4) Dianna Kicenko (7/8)

Cheryl Johnston (3/4) Carlin Kilbrei (7/8)

Resource Music

Mimi Singer Carlin Kilbrei

Phys. Ed Counselling

Sheila Stoyanowski (K-4) Shelly Burak

Shelly Burak (5-8)

French Reading Recovery

Heather Ladoski Sheila Stoyanowski (K-4)

* 1. School Trustee – Ruth Ann Furgala will be our trustee representative this year.
  2. Facilities:
     1. Play Structure is complete. Waiting to hear from the division about the final amount we owe for the project.
     2. Storage sehd completed outside and the gymnastics program has already moved in. Iam told they have already taken registration
     3. Over the summer we had our south wing painted and new cabinets installed
  3. Band program – approx 30 students registered this year. This is an excellent number and we seem to get good participation every year. I know the ban booster group is always looking for parent volunteers if your are interested.
  4. CO-OP continues to donate fruit to the school on a weekly basis. Over the course of a year this would be a significant amount of money and we appreciate their ongoing support.
  5. Strong Beginnings was held on Sept 18 and 21. This provides teachers the poortunity to get to know students one-on-one and develop a sense of their academic needs.

The only thing missing in the staffing is that Kira Smolinski is helping with phys. Ed.

In the grade 1/2 class Mrs. Smokinski is in the class in the morning and Mrs. Skoropet is there in the afternoon. Carissa along with other parents are very frustrated by this situation and what can be done? It is a very important age to have one stable teacher in the classroom. If parents have any concerns they are asked to please talk to Mr. Harding about the situation or any other situation.

Welcome Ruth Ann as our Board representative to PAC this year.

Mr. Harding that the amount of pea gravel in the middle years playground is getting low and needs to be looked at.

1. **Correspondence** 
   1. Fundraising information
   2. Invite to meeting regarding Community Places Program
2. Next Meeting – Monday, October 26th at 7:00 pm in the staff room at AEMYS. We are looking for parents that are willing to donate their time and become members of the Parent Advisory Council. This gives you as parents the opportunity to have a better understanding of what goes on at the school. All are welcome to come and discuss any concerns they have or offer their input.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.